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MEMORANDUM FOR: AFIGO-S
Headquarters USAF

SUBJECT: OXCART Pilot Nominees (Group D)

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record from AC/DPD-DD/P;
dated 16 January 1961; subject: OXCART
Pilot Recruitment Criteria (OXC 1266)

1. The adequacy of the nine A-12 pilots presently "on board" to support planned mission requirements has been recently re-examined. Realizing that errors may exist or changes may develop in the planning assumptions used to determine the exact number of A-12 pilots required, it has been concluded that initial steps should be taken to establish an A-12 pilot nominee pool. A-12 pilot nominees will be processed to the point of recruitment (security, physical, psychological assessments), at which time a re-evaluation of the over-all A-12 pilot requirement will be undertaken and further recruitment initiated as deemed necessary.

2. The A-12 pilot nominee pool should provide for three to four additional A-12 pilots. Past experience has shown that approximately five pilot nominees should enter assessment for each A-12 pilot who is ultimately recruited. Accordingly, approximately twenty nominees should be identified and programmed to undergo pre-recruitment assessments.

3. It is requested that this office be furnished the Officer Selection Folders and a current flying hour breakdown for twenty (20) additional A-12 pilot nominees. In order to meet planned assessment schedules, this information is required by 15 September 1963. Nominees should possess the prerequisite qualifications established in reference memorandum.

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